

July 30, 2023



Welcome to
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Leading people to become
faithful followers of Jesus Christ
together in God's world

What is written in the law?

What do you read there?

Luke 10:26

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Kristin Franke (Youth & Families)
Jill Meek (Children)
Leslie Saum (Connections)

EVENTS AT NATIONAL

For more information about all our events, please visit the Events page on our website at nationalpres.org. Questions? Email us at info@nationalpres.org!

Summer Speaker Series

Today, 9:45 am, Stone Fellowship Hall
Rev. David Bailey, Founder and Executive Director of Arrabon will discuss *Cultivating a Reconciling Community for the Kingdom of God*.

Summer of Serving

Today, 9:45 and noon, Garden Rooms Care Outreach - Flowers for Smiles
We will be making flower bud vases and cards to take to a neighbor or someone who just needs a smile.

Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)

Tonight at 5:00 pm
Calling all 4th and 5th graders! Invite your friends and join us for fun, faith, and fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact jmeek@nationalpres.org or check our [Events page](#) for more information and meeting dates.

Park Night for Youth

Tuesday, August 8, 7:00 pm
Calling all youth – are you ready for some fun and friends? Come and join us for Park Night at Turtle Park! For more information, please email Kyle at kputnam@nationalpres.org. See you there!

2nd Sunday Sandwich Making August 13 after 11:00 am Worship

Join us in Stone Fellowship Hall to make 400 sandwiches for Martha's Table. McKenna's Wagon delivers food to the hungry on the streets of DC every day of the year. This is a great event for the whole family!

This Coming Week at a Glance

For information about all of these events, please see the [Events page](#) on our website.

Today, July 30

- 8:45 am: Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am: Summer Speaker Series
- 9:45 am: Summer of Serving (in place of Children & Youth Sunday School)
- 11:00 am: Traditional Worship
- 12:00 pm: Summer of Serving
- 5:00 pm: Club 45 (4th & 5th graders)
- 6:30 pm: Youth group

August 1-5

- Middle School Trip: The Great Escape

Thursday, August 3

- 6:30 pm: College Student Bible Study

Sunday, August 6 - Communion

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Nominations for Church Officers

The Congregational Nominating Committee asks for your help in selecting Elders, Deacons, and board members for the Fund for Charitable Giving and next year's Congregational Nominating Committee. Please [click here](#) or visit nationalpres.org/nominate for more information or to submit recommendations.

8:45 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING Improvisations Joanna Zorack-Greene, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ OPENING SONG Your Love Awakens Me Phil Wickham

There were walls between us.

By the cross you came and broke them down. You broke them down.

And there were chains around us.

By your grace we are no longer bound, no longer bound.

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive!

Chorus: *Your love is greater! Your love is stronger!*

Your love awakens, awakens, awakens, me! (2x)

Feel the darkness shaking, all the dead are coming back to life! I'm back to life.

Hear the song awaken! All creation singing we're alive, 'cause you're alive!

You called me out of the grave. You called me into the light.

You called my name and then my heart came alive! **Chorus**

And what a love we've found! Death can't hold us down.

We shout it out! We're alive 'cause you're alive! **(3x) Chorus**

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Eternal God,

we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will. We have broken your holy law.

We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors.

We have not heard the cry of the needy and the lost.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Nettleton

Glory be to God the Father, glory also to the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit,

Ever Three and ever One;

As it was in the beginning, now and evermore shall be;

Alleluia and thanksgiving, now and through eternity.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Dr. Fox

*Children ages 5 to 5th grade will then be dismissed for Children's Chapel.
Parents may take children age 4 and under to the nursery.*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PATHWAY

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37

Grace deMaine

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' ³⁰Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Questions Jesus Asked
What Is Written in the Law?

Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

Children return to join their parents in the sanctuary.

CALL FOR OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Lisa Larsen

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11:00 AM WORSHIP

Sanctuary and Online

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

Prélude from Suite Bergamasque

Claude Debussy
John Varcoe, piano

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

▲ HYMN

Now Praise the Lord

St. Anne

Now praise the Lord, all living saints, sing praises that endure.

God's children all are surely blest; our future is secure.

Your life-filled Word brings order to the chaos of our days.

In love you claim us your own: What better cause for praise?

Instruction, guidance, holy law, some common names are these

For God's own rule for living life. What other word can please?

No other people are so graced, no nation is so blest,

As those who know God's living Word, and Christ's great name confess.

Fred R. Anderson, alt.

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Now and forever unto life eternally secure.

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Gloria Patri

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Amen, amen.

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing this covenant, God claims us as his own, as we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptismal Questions

Baptism Anne Ellen Harvey & Thomas William Harvey
Children of Susan Gayk Harvey and Joseph Earle Harvey

Prayer of Response

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Elder Faith Burton

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SERMON

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Dr. Ray Hylton, Sr.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

CHORAL RESPONSE

Farrant

Love God with all your soul and strength, with all your heart and mind,
And love your neighbor as yourself; be faithful, just, and kind.

By this fulfill God's holy law; make wisely no delay, Based on Isaac Watts' paraphrase of
For all who him know, bless, and serve shall find true life today. Deuteronomy 6:4

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OFFERTORY

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace

Howard Helvey

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, let there be pardon;

Where there is doubt, let there be faith; where there is anguish, let there be hope;

Where there is darkness, let there be light; where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pard'ning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Francis of Assisi

▲ DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

▲ HYMN

Praise the Lord, Ye Heav'ns Adore Him

Beecher

Praise the Lord, ye heav'ns adore him; praise him angels in the height;

Sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him, all ye stars and light.

Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken; all creation then obeyed;

Laws which never shall be broken for our guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious; never shall his promise fail;

God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;

Heav'n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify his name.

▲ BENEDICTION

Dr. Hylton

▲ CHORAL AMEN

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Larsen

▲ POSTLUDE Finale from Chorale No. 1 in E Major

César Franck
Todd Fickley, organ

▲ Congregation standing, as able

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Choir

We'd love to welcome you and lift our voices together! Rehearsals are on Sundays only at 10:00 am in the choir room. Just come on in. Questions? Call Emmett Sauchuck in the Music Office 202.537.7553 or email to esauchuck@nationalpres.org.

Summer Sermon Series:

The Questions Jesus Asked

Sundays Through September 3rd

In the four gospels, Jesus asked approximately 307 questions. His questions were often challenging and thought-provoking. They invited people to examine their hearts and consider their priorities, but they also revealed Jesus's own character and identity. These questions are still relevant today and will encourage us to think Christianly, grow in faith, to understand ourselves better, and to make a difference in the world.

Visit Our Library!

Come by the gorgeous library for books for all ages! Visit us on Level 2 of the main church, and chat with our new volunteer librarians. Questions about the library can be addressed to npclibrary@nationalpres.org. Library hours are Sundays, 9:00 am-1:00 pm.

Use Your Gifts to Bless Our Children!

Children's ministry volunteers are needed in all areas: Sunday School teachers and aides, Sermon pull-out aides, Children's song leader, and more! For more information, please contact us at npckids@nationalpres.org.

Community Health Note

Masks are optional at our services, with the exception of the balcony and the lectern-side transept (at the front on your right), where masks are required. Our ushers are happy to guide you to your preferred seating area.

New Baby?

We love babies in worship!

- You are more than welcome to keep your baby with you into the sanctuary.
- Childcare in the crib nursery and toddler room (2nd floor, main church) is available all morning every Sunday.
- The nursing room for nursing mothers is also available in Room #206 (2nd floor, main church building).

To learn more about opportunities for fellowship with other young families, please email Melanie Lenhard at melenhard@nationalpres.org.

Summer of Serving

Donating for August 6: Young Lives

Three ways to donate:

- Buy goods from list below and drop them in the donation bins, which can be found on all three levels of the church building
- [Click here](#) or visit our Events page to shop online using our Amazon wish list.
- Visit <https://nationalpres.ccb-church.com/goto/forms/540/responses/new> to donate funds online and let us shop for you!

Shopping List:

Diapers – all sizes

Pull-ups – all sizes

Diaper rash cream

Baby shampoo and body wash

Pacifiers

You don't have to donate to participate- just come to Garden Rooms after worship and join the fun!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Our worship services are in the Sanctuary and online on our [Watch](#) webpage.

- **8:45 am:** Contemporary Worship
- **9:45 am:** Summer Speaker Series (Adult Classes)
- **9:45 am:** Summer of Serving (for all ages and in place of Children's and Youth Sunday School)
- **11:00 am:** Traditional Worship
- **12:00 pm:** Summer of Serving (for all ages)

Children's Ministry

- Please [click here](#) or visit our Children's webpage to read about Children's Ministry.
- The Nursery and Toddler Rooms are available on Sundays, 8:30 am-noon for infants to walkers, up to age 4.
- This summer, we have lots of great activities for children, including Club 45 (4th & 5th graders) and Summer of Serving. Please check our [Events webpage](#) and mark your calendars!

Youth Ministry

- Please [click here](#) or visit our Youth webpage for information about Youth Ministry.
- This summer, we have lots of great activities for youth, including Youth Group, nights at the park, high school and middle school trips and Summer of Serving. Please check our [Events webpage](#) and mark your calendars!

College Students' Bible Study on Thursday, August 3, 6:30 pm

If you'd like to connect with other college-aged students this summer, come join us for Bible study! We'll meet on Thursday nights at the Youth House through August 17 for food and fellowship! For more information, please email Grace deMaine at demainegn@wofford.edu.

Children and Youth E-newsletters

If you have little ones or youth in your household and would like to receive our updates, please:

- [Click here](#) or visit our Children's page for kids up to 5th grade.
- [Click here](#) or visit our Youth page for kids in middle and high school.



**Called
to Care**

Experiencing the challenges and opportunities of aging?

NPC is blessed to have a partnership with the non-profit organization IONA Senior Services and a geriatric social worker who is available to help our church family. Preliminary consultations are free of charge.
careoffice@nationalpres.org / 202.537.7540

*Let us work for the good of all
and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:10*

SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES

Sundays through August 27, Stone Fellowship Hall, 9:45-10:45 am

Each Sunday this summer we'll engage an important theme of our life together—as Christian community and in the larger community. Please [click here](#) or visit our Adult Classes page to read more about the speakers and their topics as well as for the Zoom link.

- **Today, July 30: Rev. David Bailey**, Founder and Executive Director, Arrabon, *Cultivating a Reconciling Community for the Kingdom of God*
- **Next Sunday, August 6: Dr. Jennifer Wiseman**, Astrophysicist, *Discovery, Wonder, and Challenge: Science, Values, and Faith in 21st Century*
- **August 13: Dale Hanson Bourke**, Foundation President and Author, *Strong Girls, Strong World*
- **August 20: R.V. Seep**, Former Law Revision Counsel, U.S. House of Representatives and long-time member of National Presbyterian Church, *Destined for Glory*
- **August 27: Kristin Franke, Jonathan Edwards and others**, *Summer Reports*

SUMMER OF SERVING

Sundays at 9:45 am and 12:00 pm

This summer, we invite you to bring your friends, bring your family and bring yourself as we have a great time serving together! This opportunity will be:

- Each Sunday after both worship services, through August 20
- For all ages and takes the place of Children's and Youth Sunday School

We will gather in the Garden Rooms for a different outreach focus each week. There will be coffee and snacks, friends both old and new, and terrific hands-on projects to make a difference in the lives of the hurting, homeless and hungry. To read more and find out how you can help with donations, please [click here](#) or visit our our Events webpage. We have both online and in-person options for helping!

Summer of Serving Schedule

Today, July 30

Care Outreach - Flowers for Smiles

9:45 am and noon in the Garden Rooms:

We will be making flower bud vases and cards to take to a neighbor or someone who just needs a smile. We will supply the materials just come and join in and share God's love with others.

Next Sunday, August 6

Young Lives

9:45 am and noon in the Garden

Rooms: We will be organizing baby supplies and diapers for the folks being served by Young Lives and learning about their ministry working with teen moms in our city.

THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE!

New to National? Welcome!

Welcome and thank you for being here today! Please stop by the Welcome Center just outside the sanctuary. We would love to meet you and we have a gift for you! Here are some easy online ways to connect with us:

- [Click here](#) or the button on our Watch page to sign our online guestbook.
- [Click here](#) or visit our home page at nationalpres.org to sign up for our e-newsletter.
- Follow us on social media!
[Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [YouTube](#)

Prayers

We pray for:

Those navigating difficult relationships.

We pray for:

Foundation For Peace, a Christian ministry dedicated to forging connections between the US and materially impoverished areas of the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Kenya.

How may we pray for you?

Please submit prayer requests to the Care Office,
careoffice@nationalpres.org
202.537.7540.

Your Giving and Commitments Make a Difference! Thank you!

June 2023 Giving Report

Faith Giving	\$ 1,299,000
Facility Use Income	\$ 468,000
Other Income	\$ 125,000
Total Income	\$ 1,892,000
Total Expenses	\$ 2,392,000
Balance	(\$ 500,000)

Would you like to make a gift?

- Mail or place it in the offering plate
- Go to nationalpres.org/giving
- Text "NPC" to 833.414.9444
- Donate stock
- Disburse your Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA
- Scan the QR code below:



For help or questions about giving, please contact our Finance Office at 202.537.7495 or email our Director of Finance and Administration, Leah Skrine at lskrine@nationalpres.org.

Summer of Serving Report

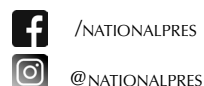
Thank you to all who helped with Summer of Serving last Sunday. With your help and generosity, we provided over 200 school care packages for refugee children served by Solutions in Hometown Connections. You are making a difference!

Today's Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of those who contribute to the church's music program through their participation in summer choir.



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